

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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MSS Order

1. Order Number 53 of the North Korean MSS,<sup>1</sup> which was issued on 23 October 1952, stated that because of increased intelligence activities of the South Korean government, MSS branches were to increase their counter-intelligence activities. The order also stated that agents to be sent to South Korea could be selected not only from persons born in South Korea, but from those who had relatives in South Korea. Agents who had relatives in South Korea were to be trained individually for 50 to 90 days.

Soviet Advisers

2. In November 1952 there were three Soviet advisers attached to the MSS headquarters in P'yongyang: Colonel Tsyakov,<sup>2</sup> was adviser to Minister PANG Hak-se; Major Wirutei,<sup>2</sup> adviser to Vice Minister KIM P'a; and Major Smakitti,<sup>2</sup> adviser to Vice Minister PAK Hun-il. One Soviet adviser was attached to each provincial branch of the MSS. All projects, orders, and operational decisions had to be approved by one of these Soviet advisers.

Cover Firm

3. On 8 December 1952 the Samsong Kongsa (0005/2502/0361/4357) was a cover company under the direction of the First Bureau of the MSS, which recruited its agents from among the members of the company. The Samsong Kongsa acted as a middleman

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for traders and smugglers between North and South Korea before it was taken over by the MSS, which did not change the business activities of the company but used them for its own purposes.

#### Staff Training Center

4. On 29 October 1952 the MSS maintained a staff-member training center at XE-297501, near Uiju, in six yellow buildings, each 7 meters wide and 20 meters long and with cement walls. The center was established in Manchuria in December 1950 and moved near Uiju in July 1951, when the first class of trainees was graduated. The school was headed by YI Kwang-sop (2621/0342/3610), aged 40, with the second son of KIM Ch'aek as chief instructor on military affairs and a senior lieutenant as chief instructor on operations. There were 30 instructors at the school, which had a term of 6 months.
5. During each term 320 hours were allocated to intelligence training, 292 hours to preliminary examination training, 120 hours to politics, and 100 hours to military subjects. Four months after the terms began there was a written examination. The final examination was oral. Courses included military science, tactics, basic drill, politics, intelligence, preliminary examination, history of the Bolshevik Party, law, domestic reforms in North Korea, and current international affairs. In October 1952 the fourth class was being held.

#### Hwanghae Province Branch

6. On 5 October 1952 the Hwanghae Province branch of the MSS was in 20 farm houses at BT-388665, near Ch'ongsong-ni (N 38-30, E 126-01) (BT-4065). The buildings used by the branch included three brick buildings and one school house. Five dugouts were used as detention quarters for about 200 men and 30 women. The headquarters was armed with 60 rifles and machine guns and equipped with one truck and some United States-made jeeps.
7. On 5 October the officials of the Hwanghae Province branch of the MSS were the following:
  - YI Ki-nam (2621/1015/3948), aged 33, senior colonel, commanding officer.
  - HAN Yong-san (7281/7893/1472), aged 42, colonel, chief of administration.
  - OM Pong-su (0917/7685/3178), aged 32, colonel, chief of political affairs.
  - KO Kyong-ch'ol (5021/1987/6993), aged 27, major, chief of general affairs.
  - CH'OE Kwang-su (1508/0342/3178), aged 40, major, chief of the political section.
  - KIM Won-hwa (6855/0337/ ? ), aged 28, senior captain, chief of finance.
  - KIM Yu-sung, aged 21, major, chief of the staff section.
  - YI Yong-pok (2621/7893/4395), aged 32, major, chief of information.
  - MUN Il-su (2429/2480/3178), aged 26, senior captain, chief of communications.
  - HAN Hyo-kil (7281/1321/0679), aged 34, major, chief of planning.

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1. Comment. For previous reports on the organization and activities of the Ministry of Social Security see [REDACTED]

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2. Comment. These are Korean pronunciations of Soviet names.

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